Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, On February 17, 1970, Bernita Ellingson began a 38-year career with Midcom, Inc., Watertown, South Dakota, holding positions as receptionist, shipping/receiving clerk, purchasing assistant, accounting clerk, and currently supply chain assistant; and,

Whereas, Bernita experienced many changes during her tenure at Midcom, Inc., moving from hand written phone messages and manual or typed documents to voicemail, conference calling and transferring, computer Word documents, and Excel spreadsheets; and,

Whereas, Bernita moved from a desk on a loading dock with pencil and paper, paper purchase orders, and a filing cabinet system to a front office area equipped with three computers and a totally integrated Oracle ERP system and email; and,

Whereas, Bernita witnessed the move from building relays in a remodeled chicken coop in downtown Watertown to a world-wide transformer business headquartered in an office building in Watertown's Industrial Park; and,

Whereas, Bernita began working with fellow employees in Mankato, Minnesota, and Watertown, Huron, and Aberdeen, South Dakota, and now works with colleagues in Mexico, China, and Germany; and,

Whereas, Bernita works diligently throughout the year to organize her church youth summer camp and is true to her ancestry, encouraging fellow workmates to participate in the spring celebration on Syttende Mai or Norwegian Independence Day, on May 17; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to make special note of this outstanding South Dakotan on the occasion of her retirement on February 18, 2008, and to congratulate her as colleagues, family, and friends gather on February 15, 2008, to celebrate this milestone in her life:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim February 18, 2008, as

BERNITA ELLINGSON DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-eighth Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State